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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN SAUDI OIL FOR UK POSSIBLE?

REF: JIDDA 4851

SUMMARY. PETROLEUM FACT-FINDING TEAM SENT BY UK FORNOFF WAS RECEIVED BY PRINCE SA'UD WHO INTIMATED THAT ADDITIONAL CRUDE UP TO LEVEL OF PROGRAMMED UK IMPORTS FOR NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER PERIOD MIGHT BE PERMITTED. UK FOREIGN OFFICE RESEARCHING FIGURES AND MAY MAKE INFORMAL APPROACH TO SAG SEEKING ADDITIONAL OIL DURING THIS PERIOD. END SUMMARY.

1. HEAD OF CHANCERY WALKER INFORMED US NOVEMBER 12 THAT UK FOREIGN OFFICE TEAM OF SPAIN AND TAYLOR (REFTEL) MET ONLY WITH DEPMINPETROLEUM PRINCE SA'UD AND ONE OTHER SAG OFFICIAL DURING THEIR FACT-FINDING/TECHNICAL MISSION HERE THIS PAST WEEK, AND THEY WERE UNABLE TO MEET WITH YAMANI. PRINCE SA'UD IMPLIED THAT UK MIGHT BE PERMITTED TO IMPORT SAUDI OIL UP TO LIMITS OF EXPECTED OR PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED LEVEL FOR NOVEMBER AND PERHAPS DECEMBER INSTEAD OF AT LOWER NINE-MONTH AVERAGE. THIS APPEARED TO BE ONLY NEW FACTOR IN OIL SITUATION AND EVEN THIS WAS UNCLEAR.

2. FOREIGN OFFICE HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE FIGURES ON WHAT UK EXPECTED TO IMPORT FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND WALKER SUGGESTED THAT AN APPROACH, PROBABLY INFORMAL, MIGHT BE MADE TO PRINCE SA'UD TO CLARIFY THE POSSIBILITY OF A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EXPORTS TO THE FAVORED UK.

3. HE WAS UNABLE TO SPECULATE ON HOW THIS MIGHT AFFECT OTHER FAVORED NATIONS OR HOW SUCH AN INCREASE TO THE UK MIGHT FURTHER DECREASE AMOUNTS AVAILABLE TO OTHER NON-EMBARGOED COUNTRIES.
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